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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Michael Payne et al.

Serial No.: 09/260,250

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For: HIGH EFFICIENCY DRILL PIPE

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## REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

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Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that the time for responding to the Office Action dated July 12, 2000 be extended for one (1) month, i.e., until November 12, 2000. This petition is accompanied by our firm check in the amount of \$110.00 to cover the required fee as set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17. If, however, this check is inadvertently not enclosed or is insufficient, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any insufficiency to Deposit Account No. 02-4345. Accordingly, this authorization is provided in triplicate.

The requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) having been met, the granting of this petition is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: 13 Nov 00  
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I hereby certify that this correspondence and all referenced enclosures are being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231 on November 13, 2000.

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